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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Teruyuki MINAMI ) Group Art Unit: 3611  
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Serial No.: 10/575,077 ) Examiner: Maurice L. Williams  
)  
Filed: April 7, 2006 )  
) Confirmation No.: 8664  
For: FUEL TANK SUPPORTING )  
STRUCTURE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

In an Office Action dated July 10, 2008, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the species in Fig. 2, the species in Fig. 6, or the species in Figs. 7 and 8

Applicant elects the species of Fig. 2. Applicant concurs with the Examiner that claim 3 reads on this species.

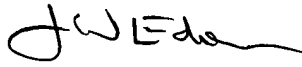
Applicant further asserts, however, that claims 2 and 6-12 are generic to all three identified species, so a complete list of claims reading on the species of Fig. 2 includes claims 2, 3, and 6-12. Claims 2, 3, and 6-12 should be examined in this application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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